



Idle Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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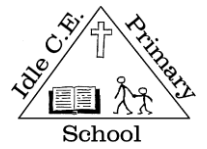
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**"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"**
John 10 v 10

School Newsletter No: 9

11th December 2020

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all your support this term. You will appreciate that routines in school have been different for the children but we have been very impressed by how well everyone has coped. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: Next week, the children will be celebrating Christmas in their bubbles. Christmas parties will be happening across the week, as well as craft activities and a virtual carol service with Rev'd Jim. Look on Class Dojo to watch each year group's Christmas video; these will be appearing on the Whole School Story as well as your child's Class Story. Make sure you bring in your Christmas cards to share with your bubble by Tuesday 15th December. These will be safely distributed on Friday 18th.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER: Next Wednesday there are several Christmas celebrations happening in school, including Christmas lunch and a Santa dash. To help with celebrations, pupils may come to school dressed out of uniform and with a Christmas theme if they wish. To support Save the Children with 'Christmas Jumper Day', children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, hat or accessory. This can be home-made or shop bought. Whilst there will be no penalty payment for being out of uniform, a £1 donation would be appreciated to support Save the Children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Next term, pupils may continue to come to school dressed in the relaxed uniform of the school sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. Pupils may come to school wearing their full school uniform if they wish. We ask that they continue to wear the relaxed uniform on PE days to reduce congestion and cross-contamination in the changing rooms. Please bear in mind that to comply with government guidelines, our classrooms are well ventilated with windows and outside doors open, so consider wearing an extra layer of clothing e.g. a vest. Also, the children will go outside in different weather conditions, so please make sure that their footwear is appropriate for this.

DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES: From January 4th we are altering the drop off and pick up times for each year group, to enable us to make full benefit of teaching time. Please still drop off your child at the gate in the morning (younger siblings may be dropped off at the same time as an older sibling) and pick up from their classroom door (younger siblings may leave at the same time as their older sibling). Please continue to socially distance from each other and follow government guidelines whilst on Boothroyd Drive and in the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Morning drop off:

KS1: 8:40am = Year 2 8:45am = Year 1 8:50am = EYFS

KS2: 8:40am = Year 6 8:45am = Year 5 8:50am = Year 4 8:55am = Year 3

Pick up:

KS1: 3:15pm = Year 2 3:20pm = Year 1 3:25pm = EYFS

KS2: 3:15pm = Year 6 3:20pm = Year 5 3:25pm = Year 4 3:30pm = Year 3

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL CHOIR: We are very proud that several pupils of our school are members of the Bradford Cathedral Choir or attend their Saturday Singers club. They currently have a few spaces for children in Years 2-5. If this might interest you, their website is www.bradfordcathedral.org/music/choir or email their Director of Music at alex.berry@bradfordcathedral.org for a chance of a voice trial.

FAMILY SUPPORT: The Christmas hampers for 19 families have been delivered this week, a big thanks to Mrs Craven and Mr Clapham for facilitating this. If you are ever in need of additional support at any time, please contact Mrs Craven or Mrs Pouncey in confidence or email alison.craven@idle.bradford.sch.uk or rachel.pouncey@idle.bradford.sch.uk From January, there will be a member of staff in the office to take your calls from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

School closes at 3.30 p.m. next Friday 18th December and will re-open at 8.50 a.m. on Monday 4th January 2021. If you need to contact the school in case of an emergency or informing us of a positive COVID case, please email either Mrs Pouncey (rachel.pouncey@idle.bradford.sch.uk) or Mrs Ackroyd (office@idle.bradford.sch.uk). We will be checking our emails once per day from school closing on Friday 18th December until Thursday 24th December (inc).

On behalf of governors, staff and pupils, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Pouncey

